

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's determination that original claim 5 contains allowable subject matter (Office Action, dated November 4, 2004, page 3, line 21, to page 4, line 3).

Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice, claims 1 and 7 have been amended, and new claim 8 has been added. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 5. Claim 1, as amended, now has the same scope as original claim 5.

New claim 8 has been added to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 5; however, new claim 8 uses language that does not invoke the "step-plus-function" language of 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph.

Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 5 and to recite "wherein the ozone concentration detector outputs an ozone concentration signal corresponding to the ozone concentration measured" and that there is "a leakage determination device connected to receive the ozone concentration signal outputted by the ozone concentration detector" as supported by Figure 1, and on page 14, line 25, to page 16, lines 13, of the application as originally filed. Therefore, claim 7, as amended, is now allowable for the reasons of record.

The present amendment adds no new matter to the application.

Conclusion

Independent claims 1, 7 and 8 of the present application all incorporate the allowable subject matter from original claim 5. Therefore, claims 1, 7 and 8 are allowable

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for the reasons of record. Furthermore, all remaining claims are dependent upon allowable claim 1, either directly or indirectly. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, and allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-8. A prompt Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Questions are welcomed by the below signed attorney for the Applicants.

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